

**REMARKS**

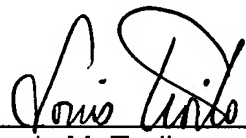
By this preliminary amendment, the keratin fibers recited in claim 1 have been defined as human keratin fibers. Support for this amendment can be found in claim 2, which has been cancelled. Accordingly, no new matter has been added. Applicants await an action on the merits of this case.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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